

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2 to 13 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Please amend Claim 1 and add Claims 14 to 19, as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A software management apparatus comprising:
- ~~a storing part adapted to control restriction of use of software and including a storage area for storing type information representing type of the restriction of use of software and a storage area for storing information representing the restriction of use~~
means for storing battery information corresponding to a charging amount of a battery to control running of software;
- ~~a software storing part for storing software corresponding to said storing part~~
means for revising the battery information to decrease a value corresponding to an amount of a battery charge according to an increase of an amount of running of the software; and
- ~~means for altering contents of said storing part on the basis of the use of the software corresponding to said storing part~~
controlling a display to display an animation to show battery condition information according to the battery information revised by said means for revising the battery information and a predetermined limit value,
- wherein said means for controlling a display to display different animations on the display in the respective case that the battery is attached or unattached.
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2 to 13. (Cancelled)

14. (New) A software management apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the value corresponding to an amount of a battery charge cannot be increased.

15. (New) A software management apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the battery information includes a value to control a period of service.

16. (New) A software management apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

means for communicating via a network with an apparatus in a predetermined site in the network; and

means for receiving battery information via said communicating means communicating with the apparatus,

wherein said means for revising the battery information revises battery information to increase a value corresponding to an amount of a battery charge based on communications with the apparatus in the predetermined site in the network.

17. (New) A software management apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the value corresponding to an amount of a battery charge cannot be increased.

18. (New) A software management apparatus according to claim 16,
wherein the value corresponding to an amount of a battery charge can be increased to a
predetermined value.

19. (New) A software management apparatus according to claim 16,
wherein said means for communicating via a network with an apparatus can
communicate with a plurality of sites from which battery information is available, and
wherein said means for receiving battery information receives battery
information based on a selection by a user from among the apparatuses at the plurality of
sites.
